MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No. Steps are being taken to acquire the required lands.

Action on motion re grant of full right over teak trees on private lands.

202. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps to give effect to the motion passed in the Legislative Council in regard to the surrender, to the landholders, of the entire right over teak trees standing on private holdings?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): A committee was appointed by the Government to go into the question and submit a report. The report of the committee has been received and is under the consideration of the Government.

Permits for motor vehicles.

203. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of applications for permits for motor vehicles received in the office of the Commissioner of Police during the 12 months ending the 31st Mithunam 1105;

(*b*) the number of permits issued within one month from the date of application; and

(*c*) the number of applications for permits pending for more than one month on the 31st Mithunam 1105?

(2) Are the Government aware:

(*a*) that there is delay in obtaining permits for motor vehicles, and

(*b*) if so, the steps they have taken in the matter?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*):

(1) (*a*) 1362.

(*b*) 858.

(*c*) 118.

(2) (*a*) and (*b*) The Commissioner brought to the notice of the Government the rush of applications for permits and the inability of the staff to cope with the work. Five additional clerks were therefore sanctioned temporarily from the 24th Edavam 1105 till the close of the year, and provision has been made in the Budget for 1106 for the continuance of two out of the above five clerks. The Commissioner says that the entertainment of these clerks has minimised the delay in the matter of issuing permits.

Latin Christians in the Education Department.

204. **MR. D. FRANCIS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of new appointments made in the Education Department during the period from 1100 to 1105; and

(*b*) the number of Latin Christians appointed in the Department within that period and their names?

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